

REMARKS

Reconsideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 of the Office Action of July 9, 2009, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 6, 14, 15, 17 through 23 are pending in the application. Claims 7 through 14, 16 through 18, 22, and 24 through 32 are canceled, and claims 1, 19, and 20 are amended. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested as it is believed they put the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal.

A one month extension of time and check in the amount of \$130.00 are attached. If additional fees are required, please charge Deposit Account Number 12-1210.

1. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1, 6, 14, 22, and 23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pierre FR2138685.

Claims 2 through 5, 15, and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pierre in view of Benedetti WO95/17119.

Claims 18 through 21 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 14, 17, and 22 have been canceled.

The feature of claim 18 has now been incorporated into claim 1, thus making claim 1 the equivalent of claim 18 being rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the

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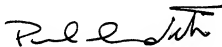
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base claim and any intervening claims. All the other claims now pending in the application are directly or indirectly dependent upon claim 1. Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 1 through 6, 15, 19 through 21, and 23 are now in condition for allowance. It is requested that the rejections of claims 1, 6, 14, 22, and 23 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pierre and claims 2 through 5, 15, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pierre in view of Benedetti be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and an early Office Action to that end is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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